Social and Personal

The Weaver.

Ceaselessly the weaver_Time,
Sitting at his mystle loom,
Keeps his arrowy shuttle flying,
Every thread anears our dying—
And, with melancholy chime,
Very low and sad withal,
Sings his solemn madrigal
As he weaves our web of doom.

"Mortals!" thus he, weaving, sings
"Bright or dark the web shall be,
As ye will it; all the tissues
Blending in harmonious issues, Or discordant colorings;
Time the shuttle drives; but you
Give to every thread its hue,
And elect your destiny.

"God bestowed the shining warp,
Fill it with as bright a woof;
And the whole shall glow divinely,
As if wrought by angles finely,
To the music of the harp;
And the blended colors be Like perfected harmony, Keeping evil things aloof,

"Envy, malice, pride, and hate—
Foulest progeny of sin—
Let not these the west entangle,
With their bilind and furious wrangle.
Marring your diviner fate;
But with love and deeds of good
Be the web throughout endued,
And the perfect ye shall win." And the perfect ye shall win." ,

Off to Flowerland.

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Now that January has arrived, society in the United States is flocking toward Paim Beach, Fla., the winter Mecca of the smart set, where the genius of a Flagler has transformed a wilderness into a garden spot within the short space of a few years.

St. Augustine is already well launched upon the current of the gay season, the splendid cotillon given in the ball-room of the Ponce de Leon Hotel by Mrs. Flagler and Mrs. Andrew Anderson during holiday week, still occupying the thoughts and converse of many fashionable people.

able people.

In New York, all society is aggrieved in that invitations to Mrs. Astor's ball for January 5th, have been recailed, because of the death on New Year's eve. of her son-in-law, George Oglivey Halg, of her son-in-law, George Oglivey Halg, at Chester, in England. Mrs. Halg is prostrated with grief and gloom hangs over the Fifth Avenue home of her mother in New York city. Now, that the date of Miss Roose-

mother in New York city.

Now, that the date of Miss Roosevelt's marriage has been announced for February Iith, society generally will be interested in regard to her trousseau, all the details of her approaching wedding celebration and the number and beauty of her wedding gifts. Certainly the nuptial event will make a brilliant closing for the Washington season. Lent coming shortly afterward, on February 28th.

In Richmond, good people are getting ready to welcome the Virginia legislators, who will meet this week in the new Assembly Hall. As several of the patriotic societies of women will come before the Assembly, the women, especially, regard this session as a very important and interesting one. Several of the law-makers will bring their bride's with them to Richmond.

House-Warming.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Winn chaperoned a folly party of young people Saturday evening at "Camps Sky High," Drewry's Bluff, The "Camp Sky High," Drewry's Bluff, The "Camp Sky High Club has just completed its home and gave a house warming in honor of the occasion,
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Among the enjoyable events of the evening was a mock marriage, in which Mr. W. A. Shultice and Miss Katle Smith were the contracting parties, and Mr. William Heffner, the elersyman. Miss Mary Wille Smoot delighted the company by her beautiful plano music, while Mr. Fred Evensen rendered several selections on the violin.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Winn, Miss Willie Smoot, Miss Elizabeth Winn, Miss Spence, Miss Katle Smith and Messrs. William Heffner, S. G. Mason, Dorsey Sydnor, Fred Evensen, Peatross, and W. A. Shultice, all of Richmond.

Personal Mention.

The meeting of Beth Ahabah Auxiliary postponed until Sunday, January 14th,

Mr. Hugh Hudson has been visiting his mother in Madisonville, Ky.

Miss Margaret Ann Neal spent the hol-idays with her sister, Mrs. John N. Martin, in Newport News.

Miss Fannie Williams, who is addending school here, has returned from Pearis-burg, where she spent Christmas.

Mr. B. B. Bartlett, of Portsmouth, visited Richmond last week.

Mrs. George Pollard is the guest of Miss Mary Causey, in Suffolk.

Miss Carah Winder, Mr. Spencer and Miss Dew were Richmond guests at the marriage of Miss Katharine Harwood Taylor to Mr. John Royall Read, which took place last week at King and Queen

Mrs. Hubert Stead, of Newport News,

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THE ONE WHITE HAIR.

By WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR.

Other selections from Landor's poems, his portrait, autograph and biographical eketch, have already been printed in this series.

HE wisest of the wise
Listen to pretty lies
And love to hear them told;
Doubt not that Solomon
Listened to many a one— Some in his youth, and more when he grew old.

> I never was among The choir of Wisdom's song, But pretty lies loved I As much as any king-When youth was on the wing,
> And (must it then be told?) when youth was quite gone by.

Alas! and I have not The pleasant hour forgot. When one pert lady said—
"O Walter! I am quite
Bewildered with affright! I see (sit quiet now!) a white hair on your head!"

Another, more benign. Snipped it away from mine, And in her own dark hair Pretended it was found . . . She leaped, and twirled it round . Fair as she was, she never was so fair!

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

CHESTNUT HILL AND

home on Third Avenue, after spending some time with her brother in Greens-

Mr. Flemming Christian left last week for his home in Kentucky, after a de-

lightful visit to his sister, Mrs. F. F. Ren-

Miss Rosalie Shafer has returned to her

home on Third Avenue, after a delight-ful visit of several days to friends in Bal-

Second Avenue.

Mr. Thomas Watkins, after spending

several days with friends in Powhatan county, has returned to his home on

Gibson-Martin.

Chestnut Hill

HIGHLAND PARK

is the guest of Mrs. W. K. Baché, of Barton Heights.

Mr. Archie Ryland, of Richmond College, spent the holldays in Walkerton, Vn.

Mrs. J. D. Eggieston and children are with Mrs. M. E. Eggieston at No. 496 East Grace Street.

Among those who attended the old-fashloned oyster roast at Cape Henry

Among those who attended the old-fashioned oyster roast at Cape Henry Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Consolvo, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clowes and Miss Datsy Hancock, all of Richmond. This enter-tainment was a feature of the charming session of the Virginia Hotel Men's Association. Association.

Captain Richmond Fearson Hobson positively denies that he was ever en-gaged to Miss Emily Grigsby. He admits that he knew her at Old Point, but says he was never engaged except to Mrs.

Mrs. Herbert Morris and little son have returned to Newport News after spending Christmas here.

Miss Lillian Binford is the guest of Mrs. W. Y. McPherson, in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. W. L. Royster and family have moved here from Suffolk, and will make Richmond their home.

Miss Nettie Mellie has returned to her home in Newport News after a visit to friends here.

Mr. Sutton and bride, of this city, were the guests of Mr. C. I.. Henkel, of Hamp-ton, just week.

Miss Margaret Brown has returned home after a visit to Miss Susie Wiltner, of Newport News.

Mrs. J. J. Embry was recently the guest of her nieces, Misses Emma and Fanny Cooper, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Harrell visited Mrs. T. W. Hudson in Roanoke during the

Mrs. James Lee Shelton has returned from a visit to Mrs. J. Wilton Hope in Newport News.

Mr. M. Hatcher is in Danville for few days.

Mr. John W. Williams and family, of Glies county, have come to Richmond for the winter.

Mrs. H. E. Boykin has returned to her

Newport News, after a short home in N visit here. ...

Mr. Charles E. Moore spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Warren Bough-ton, in King and Queen county, Mrs. Boughton also had as her guest Mr. Robert Moore, of this city.

Mr. Benjamin Walker, Mr. Singleton Walker, Mrs. Charles Broaddus, Miss Eleanor Haynes and Mr. William Haynes, of this city, spent the holidays with re-latives in Walkerton.

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MECHANICSVILLE NEWS.

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Mrs. Fore, who has been confined to her home of the previous of th

FULL REPORT OF

Account Given of Building of Cell Room at Penitentiary.

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a most interesting document.

The report is largely the handlwork of Chairman W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield,

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J. B. Clow & Sons, bathroom fixtures
G. & A. Bargamin Co., plumbing fixtures
J. L. Mott Iron Works, plumbing fixtures.

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Difference of Opinion.

In explanation of the item of arbitra-

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Warrants have been drawn and re-celpts obtained and filed for the above amounts.

ence work

Extras ordered by architect in construction.

Cost of arbitration...

Clerical services to Jan. 1, 1905...

Iron fence on front...

8,921 25

Balance on hand

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A. C. HARMAN,
JULIAN BRYANT,
CHAS. J. ANDERSON,
D. A. SLAUGHTER,
W. W. BAKER (Chairman).

AT THE HOTELS.

Some of the Guests Who Are Registered in the City.

Following are among the guests who are registered in the city:
Murphy's: Harry L. Lovell, New York;
J. A. Cocupton, Norfolk, Va.; Jno. R.
Rew., Accomac; Harry Simon, Now York;
York; R. C. Hale, Baltimore; A. L. For-

SOUTHERN SHOWS EARNINGS

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in operation and the passengers carried fifty years ago with last year is of In 1855 there were in operation 19.936

miles of road and 30,826,450 passengers

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Mr. A. H. Plant, comptroller of the Southern Railway Company, has issued the following statement of the earnings of his road for the fourth week in De-

cember:
Southern Railway Company, excluding
St. Louis-Louisville lines: This year,
\$1,306,152; last year, \$1,242,993; increase,
\$83,159.
Southern Railway Company, St. LouisLouisville lines: This year, \$115,459; last
year, \$107,275; increase, \$8,154.

First American Road.

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The semi-centennial number of the Railway World has just appeared. The issue is full of interest, containing as it does a number of excellent articles written by well known railroad men.

Eight miles south of Boston, on the Plymouth division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad—a journey of less than half an hour from the South Station in Boston—is situated East Milton, nestling comfortably beneath the Blue Hills of Massachusetts and washed by the waters of the Neponset River. East Milton is a typical straggling village of the well known New England type, with the residences set in large and roomy plots of ground, and with the activity of the town centered around the railway station, the "Granite House" just across the road, the postoffice and the few stores essential to the necessities only of a small population which draws its greater supplies from a nearby city of the first or second class in point of population.

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East Milton has long since justified in history its existence. Passing over its carly colonial period and the incidents surrounding the event which gave to the world the Suffolk Resolves-famous in history as the first expression of an oppressed people's determined will to strike for liberty and for freedom—the one conspicuous event for which East Milton deserves to be remembered for all time by a grateful people is that within its confines was constructed the first railroad in America.

Early English Roads.

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Edward Pease, of Darlington, England, is believed to have been the ploneer of railways in Great Britain. He is reported to have stated as far back as ISIS that he saw "the necessity of unbroken communication by railway, and predicted the extension of that system." He projected and carried to success the first railroad, extending from the colllerles in the west of England through Darlington to Stockton-Upon-Tees. For this he had been styled the "Father of Railways." His active colleagues in the enterprise were Thomas Meynell and Jonathan Backhouse, and their law adviser was Francis Mewburn, the first solicitor, who in 1819 carried a railway bill through the English Parliament. The first engineer of this pioneer railroad was the famous George Stephenson.

Mathews Matters.

N. C.
Miss Adelle Hunley, daughter of the late
Dr. L. B. Hunley, has returned to her
studies in the State Female Institute at
Farmville.
Dr. A. Grayson Vaden is visiting relatives on the Eastern Shore.
Mrs. Carl C. White, of Mathews Courthouse, is visiting her parents in Albemarle
county.

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Henry Gardiner Lane, of the Theologi-cal Seminary, at Alexandria, and Jenifer and Taylor Garrett, of the Richmond Col-lege and V. P. I., have returned to their studies.

Hon, J. Boyd Sears and G. E. T. Lane, members-elect of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, respectively, will leave for Richmond on Monday

Business Changes.

O. F. Grady wishes to express his appreciation of the patronage extended him while with Fergusson Brothers (dissolved January 1st), and soliciting a continuance of same with the ance of same with the LEE PERGUSSON PIANO CO., 23 West Broad Street. tinuano

The Building Committee of the Virginia penitentiary, having charge of the con-struction of the new cell building and other improvements at the prison, has formulated its report to Governor Monta-gue and the General Assembly, and it is

and he will present it to the House short-ly after that body convenes.

After citing the act of the Legislature under which the committee was created

NEW CELL BUILDING OF STATE PENITENTIARY.

for his home in Kentucky, after a delightful visit to his sister, Mrs. F. F. Rennie, of Fourth Avenue.

The roll of honor for Highland Park public school ending for the week Friday, January sth, is as follows:
Intermediate B-Bettye Ratcliffe, Maude Tiller, Bertha Marshall, Bessie Carter, Harvey Ratcliffe,
Junior B-Elizabeth Bowman, Marie Todd, Fannye Gray, Alma Vaughan, Gertrude Royall, Irene Dunn, Keeling Sisson, Percy Holiday, Lynn Enslow.

Seventh Primary Grade-Eleanor Enslow, Harry Moore, Irving Tragle, Thomas Starke, Harry Carter, Frank Ritchie, George Cary, Rodophil Cailin, Emily Huxter, Herbert Bahkle, Ruth Bowman, Flora Goodwin.

Fifth Primary Grade-Russell Satterwhite, Thomas Ratcliffe, Florence Bowman, Prescott Brown, Ira Tyler, Rufus Quarles, Clinton Peers, Harvey Devine, Katle Davis, Helen Wilder, Frank Nelson, Bessie Taylor, Marquerite Bahkle, James Rennie, Colston Royall.

Third Grammar Grade-Ruth Wyatt, Mary See, Alvina Nelsz, Alvina Fritzche, Willie Carter, Bessie Cross.

Mrs. Constance has been the guest of Mrs. Neurohr, of Fourth Avenue, for the past few days.

Mr. (Wall, of Washington, was the guest last week of Mr. Ralph Horne, of Fourth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer and brother have returned to their home on Chestnut Hill, after a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Rosalle Shafer has returned to her Architects Give Views. Amering of the committee was held on May 7th, 1802 at which a number of weil known architects were present and presented facility tows upon the contemplated work. From among the number present three well known architects were selected of prepare plans and specifications for the new building in accordance with the restrictions contained in the act. The three sets of plans and specifications having been submitted to the committee those prepared and submitted by Mr. P. Thornton Marye, of Newport News, Va., were accepted.

timore.

Miss Pattye Christian and brother have returned after spending the holidays with their uncle, Mr. R. L. Pendleton, of Essex county.

Miss Bruce Carson, of Cumberland county, has returned, after spending several months with her brother, Mr. Flippen, of Sacond Avenue.

Chestnut Hill.

Rev. Mr. Fontaine has returned to his home in North Carolina, after spending several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Fourth Avenue.

Miss Rosalie Carson, of Cumberland county, is spending some time with relatives on the "Hill."

Material High.

and given its powers, the report proceeds:
 "In pursuance of an act of the General Assemby, the president of the Senate and Specific of the Specific of

Feirce, in accordance therewith.

Your committee beg leave to say that the interests of the State was at all times strictly guarded by the zealous watchfulness of the architect, Mr. P.

Thornton Marye, and he has the thanks of the committee for the manner in which the work was carried on and completed.

Before the building was fairly under way your committee sustained a serious loss in two of its most valuable members, in the death of Senator ieCato, and in the resignation of Mr. Joseph Bryan, both

INTERIOR VIEW OF NEW CELL BUILDING.

of whom had rendered most valuable service by their wise counsel and mature conclusions. Upon the death of Senator LeCato Mr. W. W. Baker, who had acted as vice-chairman during the illness of Dr. LeCato, was chosen chairman, and has continued as such until the present, Committee Enlarged.

Committee Enlarged.

On March 16th, 1903, the committee being enlarged by the addition of two directors, was as follows: Board of Directors of the Penitentiary: Messrs, T. H. Ellett, W. D. Chesterman, W. B. Bradley, Mitton Marcuse and R. L. Winston. From the Sonate, Messrs, Julian Bryant and P. V. Cogbill, and from the House of Delegates, Messrs, S. M. Newhouse, A. C. Harman and W. W. Baker. On Fobruary 3d, 1994, the committee was again changed by the appointment of Senator A. C. Harman in place of Senator P. V. Cogbill, and Messrs, D. A. Slaughter, from Culpeper, and Charles J. Anderson, of the city of Richmond, to succeed Messrs. A. C. Harman and S. M. Newhouse from the House of Delegates.

On May 29th, 1994, the committee again sustained a most serious loss in the death of Mr. V. D. Chesterman, who had from the beginning of the work manifested a most lively interest in every detail of the work as it progressed. On June 29th, 1994, the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Chesterman was filled by the appointment of Mr. John C. Fasley, of thenrice county.

The work of the Building Committee has

SELECT SITE FOR A NORMAL SCHOOL

Joint Legislative Committee to Settle Where the New One Shall Be.

which it is proposed to establish, will meet at Murphy's Hotel to-day to form-The committee is composed of ten memthe Senate, They are Senators Barks-dale, Keczell, St. Clair, Ford and Sears,

the Legislature of 1901-2 to report on a proper site for a new normal school,

county.
The work of the Building Committee has to been greatly lessened by the labors of the Executive Committee, of which Senator A. C. Harman has been the most efficient chairman, by inspecting the work as it progressed and passing upon all accounts before they were presented to the Building Committee for final action.

The building has been occupied by prisoners since June List. 196, and from reports made by the officials in charge, we are gratified to know that the work in all its varied forms has proven to be eminently satisfactory, and to-day we can feel that Virginia has a cell building equit in all of its appointments to any in conclusion that the book results in all the more action that the sort is seen their utterned to the committee has inconclusion that the book results in all the more action that the book results in all the more action that the book results in all the more action of the committee with their labors rikes prove acceptable to

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Mathews Matters.

(Special to The Times-Disnatch.)
PORT HAYWOOD, MATHEWS COUNTY, VA., January 7.—Owing to the death
of her sister, Mrs. Harris, which occurred
in Kentucky, Miss Leone Ivey Coleman,
who has been spending the holidays in
Richmond, Va., will be delayed several
days in resuming charge of the "Willow
Grove School.

Mrs. J. Webb Matthews, who has been
on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Julius A. Weston, of this vicinity, has returned to her home in Rocky Mount,
N. C.

Miss Adelle Hunley, daughter of the late

Business Changes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CREWE, VA., January 7.—There have been right many changes in the business circles in Crewe during the past week, Mr. Repps Beville has retired from the mercantile business and has rented his large brick store-house to Mr. L. Cawthorn, who will open a general merchandise house in the near future.

Mr. B. N. Waterhouse has opened up a fancy grocery and confectionary house in the handsome new store-house of Mr. T. B. Oliver. Other changes are to follow, and, altogether, the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the town.

Jail Rather Than Give Up Pipe. NEW ORLEANS, January 7.—Because he was unwilling to stop smoking a pipe. York Brogdon, the 15-year-old nephew of a wealthy merchant of Lakeland. Fla. is in jail hers. When rebuked for smoking he ran away to New Orleans, where he was arrested.

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